

## Message from Miss Baverstock

The Christmas Magic continues. Key Stage 2 had a fabulous time at the pantomime yesterday (Oh yes we did...!). There have been three successful visits to Little Angel theatre. And Sparkles keeps surprising us! The Winter Fair today was busy as ever – lots of fun and games and treats to buy and eat. Not forgetting our legendary hamper raffle!  
Thank you to all who organised and participated.

At a recent headteacher's briefing, Rosamund Harris – Community Safety Manager, presented information about Safe Havens. This is a great Islington scheme to support people to get help if needed when out and about. More information here [Islington safe havens](#) - and on page 6.

Parent Volunteers are vital in ensuring we can provide a range of enrichment activities for our pupils through educational visits and school events.

We are working on a parent volunteer agreement to ensure Parent Volunteers feel clear and supported in their role.

Examples of what may be included:

- *Keep your mobile phone out of sight and silent. Only use in case of emergency or with permission of the lead member of staff. Do not take photos or video.*
- *When on a visit, directly supervise the group you have been assigned. Maintain visual contact and perform headcounts at transition points.*
- *Refer all behavioural issues immediately to the supervising teacher or staff member.*
- *Model positive behaviour, maintain a respectful attitude,*
- *If you see or hear anything that concerns you, report it immediately to the lead member of staff, do not ask further questions or investigate.*

If you would like to share any ideas you may have, please contact us via [parents@hargravepark.islington.sch.uk](mailto:parents@hargravepark.islington.sch.uk)

This is the last newsletter of the term. Wishing you all a fabulous festive season and we look forward to seeing you all in 2026!

## Upcoming events

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Dec Reception - Year 6 Cinema Visit  
Tue 16<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas lunch and  
Christmas Jumper Day  
Nursery singalong at 3pm  
Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Dec Blue Class: Little Angel Theatre  
Under 3s singalong at 3pm  
Thu 18<sup>th</sup> Dec Winter Concerts  
**See Page 5 for details about  
Christmas Activities!**  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec Last day of term - 2pm finish

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jan First day of term  
all children return

Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Jan Indigo Class visit Houses of  
Parliament  
Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Jan Cyan Class Assembly  
Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Jan Violet Class Assembly  
KS1 Fire Safety Workshops  
Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Jan Blue Class Assembly  
Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Jan Orange Class to Royal Courts  
of Justice

## In the Newsletter today:

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## Winter concerts

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 3pm  
Nursery families invited to  
Christmas sing-along in the  
Nursery

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 3pm  
Under 3s families invited  
Christmas sing-along in the  
Toddler Room

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Winter concerts  
Middle Hall  
Families invited  
9:15 – Pink Class  
10am – Lower KS2  
2:15pm – Key Stage 1  
3pm – Upper KS2



## Winter fun!



Lots of Winter Fun has already happened in the form of many successful theatre trips. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who made those visits possible.

And a big THANK YOU to our School Coucillors!  
The Jolly Jumper exchange has been a huge success – mainly down to their amazing enthusiasm and dedication.

## Theatre Visits

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Blue Class to Little Angel Theatre  
To see 'The Storm Whale'

## Cinema Visit

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Dec Reception to Year 6 -Holloway Odeon Cinema visit

**Zootropolis 2** [watch the trailer here!](#)

Christmas Dinner  
Christmas Jumper Day  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
Children will enjoy a traditional  
Christmas dinner at lunch  
time, wearing Christmas  
jumpers and pulling Christmas  
crackers!



## Handwriting and Presentation @ HP

At Hargrave Park, we want children to be proud of their work as this feeling is linked with having confidence in themselves as independent, ambitious learners.

The language of letter formation!  
This week's letter is **B**.

**B**: Down, lift, and round till you stop, and round till you stop.

**b**: Start at the top. Go straight down, back up, and all the way round.

### Practice at home!

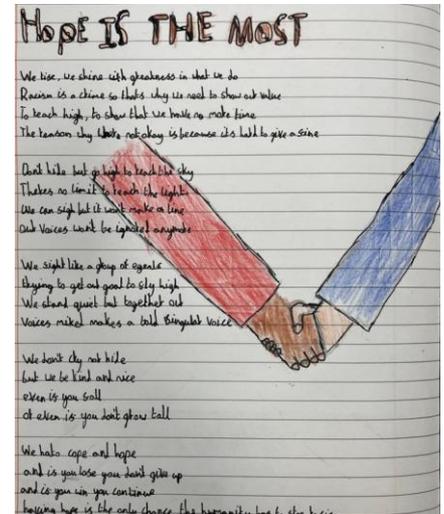
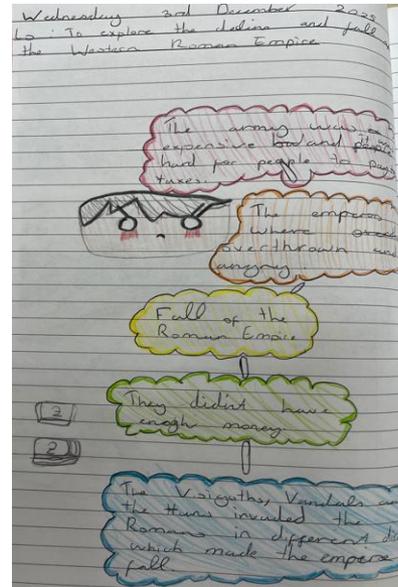
The school uses the Nelson Handwriting scheme from Oxford Owl. Take a look at the videos below for tips on practice at home and fine motor warm-up exercises. Encourage children to verbalise what they are doing to understand their thought processes as they write.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/oxford-owl-videos/handwriting-videos--1/>

## Practicing Presentation!

Karim (Violet Class, right) and Manuela (Purple Class, below) have both shown fantastic effort in their recent work.

Karim has carefully published his poem in neat, joined handwriting, complete with a thoughtful illustration.

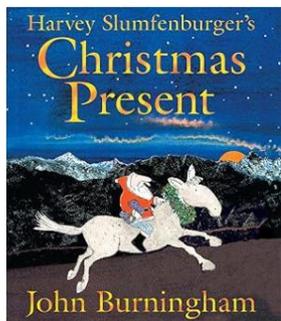


Manuela has neatly presented her topic work with clear, colourful text boxes.

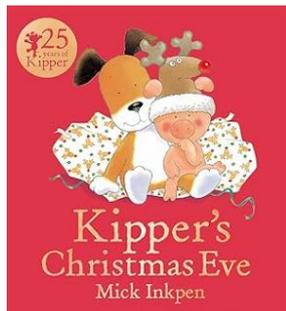
Well done to both of them!

**We have some popular Christmas holiday themed books in the library**

**Recommended for Reception and nursery**



Festive cheer with Kipper and his friends

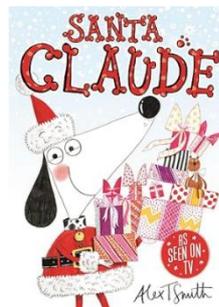


No journey is too far for Father Christmas, even to the top of a mountain!

**Recommended for KS1**

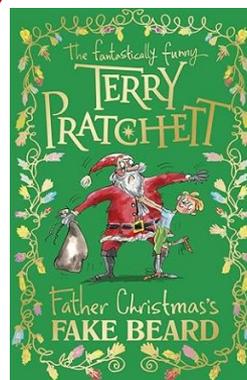


A Claude thinks there is a burglar coming down the chimney on Christmas Eve



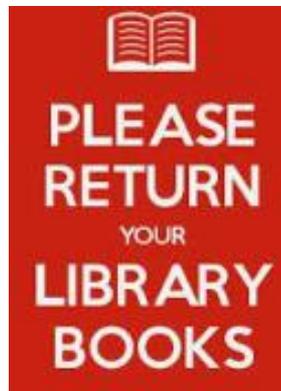
It's a very snowy day in the Hundred Acre Wood

**Recommended for KS2**



How about a huge exploding mince pie, a pet abominable snowman, or a very helpful partridge in a pear tree? What if Father Christmas went to work at a zoo, or caused chaos in a toy store or, was even, arrested for burglary!?

With the help of some elves, eight reindeer, the Queen and a man called Charles Dickens, the search for Amelia - and the secret of Christmas - begins



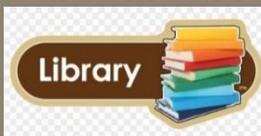
**This year:-**

**140** library books have been lost and we still have **128** overdue. That is **268** books missing from the library. 😞

Please look to see if you have our books at home. Enjoy and then return, so you can swap them for another! Thank you.

Well done to **RED CLASS** who have consistently returned the most books each week





**Libraries**  
ReadLearnConnect



**CHILDREN'S  
WINTER  
EVENTS IN  
LIBRARIES**

All events are free of charge and are suitable for families with children of all ages.  
Places may be limited.

The local libraries have a number of **FREE** activities and events for the upcoming school holiday including:-

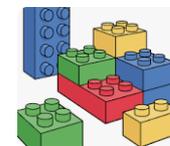
**Festive crafts such as reindeer puppets, snowflake and snowman decorations.**

Regular children's activities such as **Scrabble**, **Lego** and **Chess** clubs.

Plus a winter reading challenge! (Read 3 books and get a **prize!**)

**Adult regular clubs include knitting, chess and book clubs.**

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/libraries-arts-and-heritage/libraries>



## Islington Community Safety



### Safe havens scheme

Safe havens are a way for you to easily get support from local businesses, if you need help.

If you are feeling threatened, are being harassed on the street, are unwell or just in need of some help, look for the Safe haven sign in windows. Someone in the Safe haven will be able to help you.

You can also find Safe havens on our [interactive map](#)

Safe havens can help by:

- providing a friendly face and reassurance
- calling the police, family or friends
- giving you directions or public transport information.

**Remember, if you are in immediate danger call the police on 999.**



Our Parent and Staff Association

## Friends of Hargrave Park School

Want to get in touch? Email us at: [friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com)

Every parent and carer of a child at the school, as well as staff, are automatically a member of Friends of Hargrave Park School.

Run by a committee of parent volunteers, we organise events and activities that aim to build the school community and raise funds to help enhance all Hargrave children's experience of school life.

Getting involved in the summer fair or becoming a class rep is a great way to get to know other families while supporting the school.

To get involved email the team on [friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com)

### **LEND A HAND**

FOHP doesn't work without your help and support

Friends of Hargrave Park aim to build a supportive school community while raising money for supplies and activities to compliment our children's school experience. But without the involvement of HP parents, carers, family and staff none of our activities would be possible.

#### *How could you help or get involved?*

 **Handmade**

From making cupcakes for a sale or creating a new game for the fair we need your skills

 **Hands On**

Help out on a stall such as the cake sale or at the fair. Or host a family social on our behalf

 **Hands Up**

Become a class rep or part of the committee and have your say on what we activities we do

#### **The money we raise...**

★ Subsidises the annual trip to Frinton-On-Sea



★ Provided the music equipment for the Creative Arts Space

★ Provided new play equipment and games for breaktime



 **Raise free donations when you shop online**

Through Easyfundraising you can raise money for Friends of Hargrave Park School when you shop at online at no extra cost to you. There are over 8,000 retailers to shop with and an app when shopping on your phone.

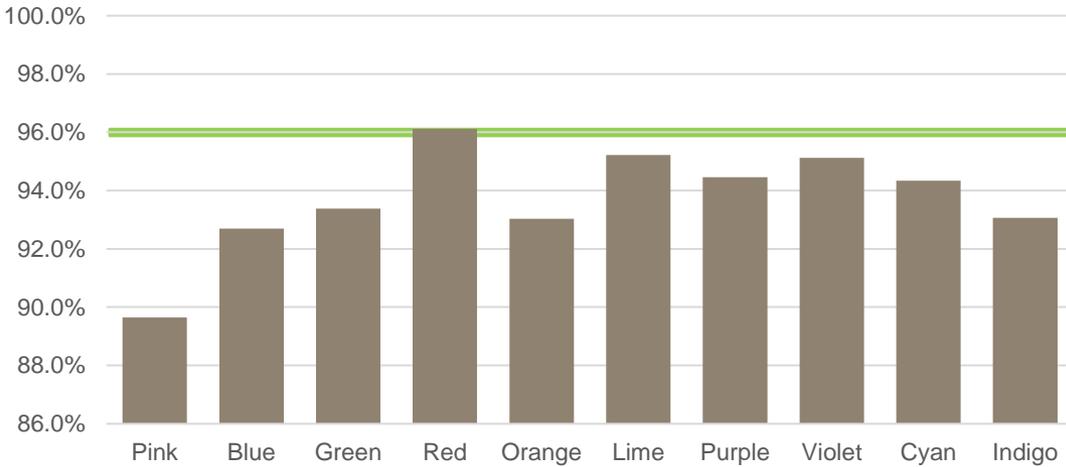
Thank you those who are already raising money for us by shopping online with Easyfundraising.

Scan the QR code or visit [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) and search for Friends of Hargrave Park



# Attendance Matters

W/C 03/09/25 – 12/12/25



**Best Class Attendance since September goes to...**

**Red class**  
They have achieved 96.1% attendance this Term

Islington  
Community of Schools

Even when you're very **small**  
good attendance makes a  
**BIG** difference!

"Children in the Early Years have little chance of catching up their peers if their attendance is bad. If they fail to succeed early on in their school careers they are likely to get further behind, disillusionment with education sets in and they become excluded or begin to truant."

Charlie Taylor,  
Government's expert advisor  
on attendance and behaviour

**Regular attendance helps children to:**

- Make friends and learn social skills
- Feel settled and happy
- Enjoy their learning
- Benefit from good routines
- Get ready for school

**Help your child to succeed in the early years, at school and in adult life**

## Bright Futures, what we can help with

We know that being a parent is not always easy and that all families need extra help at some stage as children grow up. This might be because your housing situation is difficult, or you are hoping to get into work or training. A relationship may have broken down or someone close to you has gone to prison. Your teenager's behaviour might be challenging at home or at school. You may have growing debts, or you may be at risk of losing your home.

### Family Support Surgeries

If you have a question, need some information, advice or guidance you can speak to an Outreach Support Practitioner at one of our Family Support Surgeries.

### Education Drop-Ins

The Bright Futures Early Help team have Education Support Practitioners on hand to offer support regarding your child's schooling & education.

### School Drop-In Support Surgeries

Please speak to your child's school if you would like to access one of our In-School support surgeries.

### Youth Outreach

Islington has a number of Youth Centres offering constructive activities for Islington's Young People. Play and Youth Practitioners are available to provide information, advice and guidance as well as signposting. Check out your local Youth Centre for more information;

### Adventure Playground Outreach

Play and Youth Practitioner will be available to offer information, advice and guidance, signposting and more!

### Afghan and Ukrainian Support Groups

Bright Futures and LIFT youth hub have created support groups for Afghan and Ukrainian young people between 8 and 14 years of age. We provide the space; however, the young people are in charge of this – they are free to talk and be creative. Resources such as Art and Games are provided for the young people to use in the sessions.

### Parenting Programmes

There are a range of parenting programmes on offer that cover different ages and different situations. For more information speak to a member of staff or visit [islington.gov.uk/parenting-programmes](http://islington.gov.uk/parenting-programmes)

### CAMHS - Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)

CAMHS support families with a range of emotional, well-being and behavioural needs. For more information pick up a leaflet in one of our centres or speak to a member of staff.

### Parent Champions

Did you know there are opportunities to volunteer with Bright Futures as a parent champion? For more information contact Hannah Brewer email: [Hannah.Brewer@islington.gov.uk](mailto:Hannah.Brewer@islington.gov.uk)

### Holiday Activities

We also offer additional activities during the school holidays. To keep up to date with what is going on in your area, sign up to the Bright Futures Newsletter, or access information through school drop-in surgeries.



## Find us.

Bright Futures services are delivered in the North, Central and South areas. You can attend sessions in any area but for some services you will need to know which area you live in.

Scan the QR code or visit [islington.gov.uk/your-area](http://islington.gov.uk/your-area) to use the local area finder on Islington's website.

You can also call our helpline on **020 7527 4343**. The line is open Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm

